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Chicago's beloved Purple Martins
returning to town, need help with housing
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How a few voters control the fate of more than \$1B in new spending

This election season, voters throughout Cook County will decide whether to repair aging schools, improve a lake front beach, shut down a fire department and give local politicians new powers to tax.

If history is any guide, only a sliver of the electorate will decide the outcomes of those key ballot questions known as referendums.

An average of less than one out of every three registered voters determined the fate of 75 property tax-related referendums from 2020 to 2023 in Cook County, an analysis by the office of Treasurer Maria Pappas found.

In fact, turnout has been so poor that the fate of nearly half of those referendums was decided by less than 25% of all voters.

"Voters are given the power to make these key decisions, but most don't bother to vote," Pappas said. "And when their taxes go up, they are the first to complain."

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The analysis, titled "The Few Decide for the Many," found that seven out of 10 referendums were approved, with majorities voting on less than 10% of those that did pass.

Those referendums allowed government to create \$1.16 billion in new debt and increase property tax caps by more than \$59 million.

The analysis also shows how one or two votes, amid poor turnout, determine outcomes of critical ballot questions:

- In south suburban Hometown, the decision to give officials home rule authority, which includes additional taxing powers, passed by two votes, 381-379. Just 27% of

the city's electorate voted in June 2022.

- In University Park, a referendum to create a park district failed on a tie vote of 815 – 815, with less than 22% of registered voters deciding the outcome in Nov. 2022.

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- In Stone Park, the fire department was eliminated by a vote of 182-145. Only 21% of the village's registered voters participated in the March 2020 election.

The March 19 primary is near. There will be at least 13 property tax-related referendums on that ballot: five to issue bonds totaling \$152.3 million; four to exceed tax-increase limits by a total of more than \$8.6 million; two to grant suburbs home rule authority; one to increase a south suburban township's taxes to provide additional mental health services; one to dissolve a northwest suburban fire protection district that stopped operating in Oct. 2023, and if the courts allow, a Chicago referendum to significantly increase the transfer tax charged on property sales of more than \$1 million.

Given historically low turnout for primary elections, it's highly likely that those issues will be decided by the few, on behalf of the many.

"I urge voters to get out and vote, and also to not skip the referendum questions lower on the ballot so these issues can truly be determined by a majority and not by a few," Pappas said.

Mayor's Mansion Tax back on, vote to nick North Side's high priced properties on ballot

BY DON DEBAT
The Home Front

The war between Chicago's proposed \$100-million homeless fund and million-dollar-plus property owners could be headed to the Illinois Supreme Court.

On March 6, an Illinois appellate court ruled that votes on Chicago's March 19 referendum on the so-called "Mansion Tax" will count, overturning a lower court's decision.

The court ruled a previous decision by Cook County Judge Katheen Burke was invalid because she didn't have jurisdiction.

The referendum question was unconstitutional and invalid, Burke said. However, three appellate justices ruled Burke's decision to rule on a referendum that was a legislative issue—not a judicial question—was wrong.

The appellate court ruling didn't weigh in on the merits of the referendum, only the validity of its place on the ballot. "Nothing in this decision is intended to suggest that we have any opinion one way or the other on the merits of the referendum at issue," the justices wrote. "That is a question wisely entrusted to the people of the city of Chicago,"

Voters have until March 19 to decide whether they want a hike in the real estate transfer tax that is intended to raise a \$100 million to help the homeless.

Downtown Ald. Brian Hopkins [2nd], one of the most outspoken critics of the transfer-tax change that would greatly increase fees charged for buying a \$1-million-plus property, said that the real estate industry's best chance to defeat the binding referendum was through the court system—not the ballot box. So, the next step to block the Mansion Tax may be

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Measles reported at Swedish Hospital; one of three cases reported

City health officials seek those who busted out of migrant shelter, fear possible outbreak

BY PETER VON BUOL

After a case of measles was diagnosed in a patient treated at Swedish Hospital's Galter Life Center on Feb. 27, local public health officials have been urging those who may have been exposed that morning to immediately contact Chicago's Dept. of Public Health [CDPH] through a dedicated hotline.

And after a disruption and

breakout at a locked-down, quarantined migrant shelter in Pilsen, city officials are now asking those who fled the facility to check in with the city, fearing they may further spread the virus.

Once among the most feared of communicable diseases, and with no local cases reported since 2019, many had believed it had been locally eradicated.

Within the past few days, there have been three reported cases of measles. The city's first case was found in a child living at a homeless shelter in Pilsen at 2241 S. Halsted St., and he is now reportedly symptom-free.

On Sunday, city health officials announced a second child living at the shelter has also been diagnosed with measles and is now hospitalized. That child is of school age and attends a Chicago Public School.

City health officials asked shelter residents who were recently vaccinated or unvaccinated to remain inside. A retired city official has told this newspaper that not all have complied and many simply left the locked-down facility.

According to federal health officials, before the introduction of

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Alderman says 'No favor given' in Newberry Plaza deal

Last week we reported on the latest goings on at Newberry Plaza, 1030 N. State St., and the ability of a shady developer to buy a large commercial space for only \$1, and then tap into 32,000 square feet of excess density, and added new density, for their planned commercial expansion.

In that story, we stated, "But to add more density, they'd need to get their plans going the old-fashioned way, by seeking a City Hall favor from an alderman who can change zoning on a whim using their aldermanic prerogatives."

We also said - in speculation - that 2nd Ward Ald. Brian Hopkins may have provided that favor to developer 11 East Partners and Lawrence Freed, to upzone the

site to add more density.

After reading that story, Ald. Hopkins called this newspaper to tell us that there was no favor asked for, or given, from he or his office, and that there was no zoning change.

The alderman told us that the City's Zoning Administrator determined the proposed expansion would not need a zoning change to do the project, and so he was never consulted.

The alderman also told us that had there been a need for a zoning change he might have lobbied against it.

So we'll take him at his word and retract that implication from our March 6 story... that he provided the developer, 11 East Part-

ners, and their ex-con partner Lawrence Freed, with a favor. (Freed went to prison for various charges including bank fraud and mail fraud related to his firm's Block 37 development.)

As things stands now, some of the building's residents who are fighting the project think that to get permits for their redevelopment plan, 11 East Partners must obtain a zoning variation from the current DX-12 to DX13 or DX-14. The City's Zoning Administrator says despite all the added density, the site doesn't need to be upzoned, and the alderman says he has not done, nor is he doing, anyone any favors.



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How do you celebrate St. Patrick's Day?



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Winter winds and blinding sleet, freeze land and water reed. The last vestige of village life and sea grass to get eaten. Celtic tribes pursued vast reaches of empty tracts in the hopes of finding country vittles, neither racked nor ruined. "The perfect crust we feast."

Strange words spill from the lips of these Bronze Age Irish warriors hungry for their winter celebration of a man on horseback. Patrick then reorganized their lives, and now vanishes into the time frame of history. Fifth century logic. Everyday problem. Stay close to the light of the world. It wasn't known as the Dark Ages for nothing.

As the light breaks across the vale of Downpatrick, the wise man is present before them again with fresh light in old darkness. With strong words that speak to heart. Handy as ink on a pen quill. Or fresh warmth for an old chill.

For Patrick, the transforming life of the Lord lifted the disciple high above the torn promises of weak, self-absorbed commitments and fragile love that only can imprison. Patrick shows with blunt embrace the need that opens

up our worst fear to peace and healing.

Fifth century Ireland, with a short fuse and a wide spark, hoped that it was possible to lift the darkness. Patrick captured the Irish mood, the need for hope in a time of collective anxiety. "If we winter this one out, we can summer anywhere." Its clay shaped the heart of Irish poets. Poet Eavan Boland reached for a shard of Patrick's light: "Oppose violence in all its guises and speak out for the weak and the marginalized."

Poet Paddy Kavanagh saw a wider light, more forgiving: "On an apple-ripe September morning, through the mist-chill fields I went

With a pitch-fork on my shoulder, less for use than for devilment."

I recommend you follow the bards: "Raise a glass to St. Patrick. Raise a glass with me, we'll celebrate the patron saint who sailed the Irish sea. On the hills of Slemish a slave became a man. His spirit was unbroken by chieftain or by clan. The isle of green was in his soul he feared no druid's curse. And long will we remember him in scripture and in verse."

Irish poems are a doorway for you to squeeze through and add beauty and meaning to your St. Patrick celebration, and let you feast like you really are Irish. Dutiful use of Ireland's wit and faithful inheritance of its ancient song. And be a trusted recipient of its poetry stretching from the



St. Patrick

Bronze Age to the present.

Patrick shares a dream of civil liberty; freedom from the Boot of Britain to any willing to open their souls and imaginations to the words of a timeless vocabulary. Assessing the human condition, engaging the human experience. A tribal judgment on the spinning human sphere of earth. Smelling creation fully at arrival of hunt birds. Layers of the past still held dear in the presence.

That's why Patrick is so important. He helped to unleash their capacity to see with the eyes of faith. Not green beer.

Patrick helped the Irish find themselves in the Gospels. To spot their wisdom flowing from the wisdom of the God of Creation.

Patrick jumps to survive the greed of his neighborhood in Britain to reconcile culture and civilization flowing still from the sustaining words of Jesus.

Patrick's entire life was placed at the disposal of Ireland's identity. Our sense of justice. Our sense of fair play. Our sense of duty. Our sense of creation by God's hand on the earth.

BRIGHT HOPE FOR CHICAGO: Heather Humphreys, Minister for Rural and Community Development and Minister for Social Protection will represent the Irish Government for festivities related to St. Patrick's Day here.

Saturday, March 16 is the Parade. Green River. Corned Beef. Green beer. Drunk teens. All the things that make the Irish proud. Try going to Mass if you're Irish, it will do you more good.

The first Downtown St. Patrick's Day parade was held on March 17, 1843. It was a modest affair, representing the Irish of Chicago, who then numbered about 775. The marchers trooped down Clark St. with "Smiling John" Davlin as Grand Marshal.

No one went on to unify the Irish of Chicago more than Mayor **Richard J. Daley**. From the moment of his election as mayor in 1955, he worked to establish the City's one municipal St. Patrick's Day Parade, Downtown for 1956.

He went on to authorize Local 103 of the Plumber's Union to be the organizing force behind the city's efforts, under the leadership of his great pal **Mr. Ed Brabec**, president of the Chicago Federation of Labor. His broadband force in major union politics gave him skills and a common sense approach helping to provide Chicago with the internal workings of a large scale city-wide dynamic

sense of ownership for the annual event. Their leadership provided smooth sailing for St. Patrick.

Chicago does have a lot to be proud of. But we must be careful and not brag too much. It's still true that nobody likes a smarty-pants.

St. Patrick's Parade Queen, **Grace O'Connor**, will be front and center at the Parade. She is a graduate of Northwestern Univ. Class of 2023, and Loyola Law School. She holds an MBA, and practices with the firm of Kirkland and Ellis. She is the daughter of **Meredith Sweeney O'Connor** and **Dan O'Connor**. And the sister of **Liam, Danny, Owen and Brendan O'Connor**.

Old Town restaurateur and developer **Peter O'Brien** is the Grand Marshall, the 98th President of the Irish Fellowship Club. A man with the savvy skills and lucky pedigree powerful enough to lead Chicagoans in a parade.

Guest of Honor is Hon. **Patrick Kennedy**, former Massachusetts Congressman. Younger son of the late Massachusetts Sen. **Edward M. Kennedy**.

Two American Irishmen who have made the issues of mental health a priority in their lives. And the proud significance of their Irish roots. America was fashioned from the faith and patriotism of such men and millions more like them.

Chicago's economies were shaped by the efforts of families like the **O'Briens** and the **Kennedys**.

The O'Briens have recently broken ground for the new hotel to be built on Wells St.



Peter O'Brien

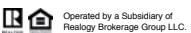


Grace O'Connor, parade queen.



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DePaul Prep wins state championship

Defeat of Mount Carmel ends phenomenal winningest season in school history



By
Jack Lydon

Defense and free throws win games and state championships. The DePaul Prep Rams (35-2) defeated the Mount Carmel Caravan (32-6) to win the IHSA 3A state championship. It's DePaul's second straight state championship. They are believed to be the first team to win consecutive championship in two different classes, 2A and 3A.

The DePaul Prep's second straight state championship is just another in a string of successes in recent years: a 2A state championship last year, third-place finish in 2A in 2022, #1 ranking with wins over Fenwick and Evanston to win the Chipotle tournament in the COVID year and a third-place finish in 3A in 2019.

The Rams are the winningest team in playoff finishes in the last five years.

The Rams and Caravan know each other well. They battled in February for the championship of the Chicago Catholic League, widely regarded as the top conference in the state this year. The first meeting had the feel of a heavyweight prize fight, or at least a Catholic League football game.

The Rams prevailed 41-38 but the Caravan's Lee Marks was out having broken his elbow in the game against Leo a week before. Marks adds so much to Mount Carmel as he proved in the semi-final against Mt. Zion.

No matter. The Rams opened the game in their usual fashion. DePaul Prep's junior point guard Makai Kvamme, leading scorer for the Rams with 18 points, opened the scoring with a three pointer and then a layup off a turnover. The Rams added 10 more points and took the lead 15-7 at the end of the first quarter.

It's best not to get behind DePaul Prep. Few teams are better at handling the ball and controlling the tempo. But the Caravan has senior forward and Northwestern commit Angelo Ciaravino (24 points). He is no ordinary player. Led by Ciaravino, the Caravan charged back in the third quarter.

The refs called the game much tighter than the refs did in the first matchup between the teams. Shortly into the third, DePaul Prep was called for three fouls in the space of four seconds.

DePaul head coach Tom Kleinschmidt agreed the refs were calling the game tighter than he expected in a championship.

"I kind of lost my composure a little [with the refs]. That was my fault," Kleinschmidt said.

The Caravan cut the Rams lead to six points at the end of the third quarter and ramped up the defensive pressure in the fourth frame.

Championship experience and hours of free throw practice paid dividends for the Rams. Senior and all area guard PJ Chambers was calm as could be. With the score 37-34, Chambers stepped up the line and dropped two free throws with 1:44 to go, and then two more at 1:20. And then two



DePaul Prep's PJ Chambers drives the baseline against Mount Carmel's Angelo Ciaravino.

more at 1:05.

It was Kvamme's turn at the line with 50 seconds left. Two more free throws made. A layup by sophomore guard Rob Walls added two more points. Two more free throws at the end for Kvamme made it a 49-41 final. And a state championship, again.

"I don't even have words. I am very excited. It's amazing. It's a pleasure to be part of this DePaul Prep program and to win so much," said Rams' point guard Kvamme.

As for the free throws, Kvamme said, "I don't think about it anymore. I am pretty confident. After the Normal game [where he missed two free throws with no time on the clock that could have won it for the Rams], we worked on them every day because I missed those two free throws. I was upset obviously after the

game. I just kept working," Kvamme said.

Mount Carmel head coach Phil Segroves downplayed the tight calls. "I don't know what the foul totals were. We did come out a little bit more aggressive [in the second half]. We knew that we had to play a little bit more up tempo. We were able to force some turnovers and get some quick buckets. That is where you saw the 12-point lead cut to three," Segroves said.

"We had the right scout on the wrong night. We had a great scout for DePaul Prep based on what we had seen and us playing them earlier in the year. Their guys did some stuff that we were not expecting. Their guys hit some big shots early. All the credit to Coach Kleinschmidt and DePaul Prep."

It was a phenomenal season

for the Rams. They won the Chicago Catholic League. It was the winningest season in school history, 35-2. Their only two losses were to the two teams that played for the 4A state championship, Homewood-Flossmoor and Normal Community. They did it without starter junior guard Walls for much of the season and junior forward and anticipated starter Jonas Johnson for most of the season.

They did it starting two seniors, two juniors and a sophomore. The sixth man was also a sophomore. They did it without a lot of fanfare. They did it in a workmanlike fashion. They enjoyed themselves. And so too did all those who witnessed this season.



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Westbound traffic on Wilson Ave. will be directed to turn south onto N. Western Ave. and then turn east onto W. Montrose Ave. to cross the river.

Eastbound traffic on Wilson Ave. will be directed to turn south onto Manor Ave. and then onto California, after which they will turn east onto Montrose to cross the river.

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Letter to the Editor

Talk about putting lipstick on a pig

Last week’s article about the City of Chicago’s announced cash gift [City giving financial support to Loop businesses, museum, Mar. 6] is a good example of putting lipstick on a pig.

How does giving cash to six restaurants to remodel help the downtown area? Will that help lower the number of crimes?

That’s the real reason why people aren’t going downtown, and why tourists don’t want to come here anymore. I know I’m telling my friends and family not come to Chicago right now.

The city is apparently aware that there are numerous empty store-

fronts, yet they’re not planning to spend taxpayer money on helping small businesses open up a shop. They want to give money only to already existing shops for purely cosmetic changes.

Where is the logic in that?

The city plans on giving those six businesses \$1,255,800. Over a million dollars spent on lipstick!

Wouldn’t that taxpayer money be better spent on more business-friendly practices such as ample parking, financial assistance for new businesses and hiring more police to address the crime rate that scares us all away?

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the Illinois Supreme Court.

“Our coalition of policy advocates commend the appellate court for dismissing the real estate lobby’s effort to invalidate the ballot question,” said Maxica Williams, Board President of the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless. “We look forward to keep-



The Home Front

by Don DeBat

ing up our efforts for a fair and sustainable plan to fund housing and care for the homeless, and ask wealthy real estate corporations to pay their fair share.”

According to the Illinois Policy Institute, an independent taxpayer advocacy organization, nothing outlined in the referendum guarantees that the new transfer-tax funds actually will go to solving the problem of homelessness. The fact is, the precise details on how, where and when the Mayor intends to spend the potential new tax windfall are being kept secret. Taxpayers are essentially being told ‘just trust us.’

“While the ballot initiative claims it would help the homeless, the fact is that Mayor Brandon Johnson and the City of Chicago lay out no plan to do so,” said attorney Mailee Smith, senior director of labor policy at Illinois Policy. “The city already has tens of millions set aside for homelessness programs that it isn’t using.”

Those public officials who are now managing migrant services are some of the most secretive operations in the city today.

Here are the facts outlined on the March 19th referendum ballot:

- Buyers of properties valued at under \$1 million would pay a transfer tax of \$3 for every \$500 of the transfer price. The transfer tax of 0.60% represents a decrease of 20% over the current fee.

- Purchasers of properties valued at between \$1 million and \$1.5 million would pay a transfer tax of \$10 for every \$500 of the transfer price. The transfer tax of 2% represents an increase of 166.67% above the current fee.

- Buyers of properties valued at more than \$1.5 million would pay a transfer tax of \$15 for every \$500 of the transfer price. The transfer tax of 3% represents an increase of 300% above of the current fee.

The rates would be applied incrementally, meaning a property selling for \$2 million would be taxed at 0.60% on the first \$1 million, 2% on the next \$500,000, and 3% on the balance over \$1.5 million.

The current Chicago transfer tax calls for the buyer to pay a flat 0.75%, or \$7.50 per \$1,000 of sales price. Sellers pay \$3 per \$1,000 of the property’s value, along with \$1.50 per \$1,000 to the state of Illinois, and 50¢ per \$1,000 to Cook County.

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While proponents have dubbed the new transfer tax proposal the “Mansion Tax,” relatively few homes sell for \$1 million or more in Chicago. Most of those are in the downtown area and along the North Lakefront. Yes, this means you, the readers of this newspaper.

Most of the proposed transfer tax bite will hit owners of commercial and apartment properties, which sell nine times more often than residences above the \$1 million threshold targeted by the tax hike, according to the Illinois Policy Institute.

“There are 5,142 commercial properties in the city which would be vulnerable to the hike

if sold, thwarting new business starts that could offer jobs to truly get homeless Chicagoans off the streets,” according to an Illinois Policy study.

Opponents of changing the tax structure include: the Building Owners and Managers Assn. of Chicago, the Chicagoland Apartment Assn., the Neighborhood Building Owners Alliance and the Illinois Realtors Assn.

They’re talking about taxing you

Some real estate experts say the proposed transfer-tax hike could eventually backfire to actually reduce the city’s affordable housing stock.

Thousands of small apartment buildings are owned by “Ma and Pa” middle-class people and senior citizens, who frequently charge under-market affordable rents.

While a growing number of those properties may be valued at more than \$1-million, the buildings really represent the middle-class owner’s retirement nest egg. It may be the vast majority of their own families’ wealth and security.

Although the biggest chunk of the proposed tax would be paid by the buyer, it could lower the seller’s net sales price by tens of thousands of dollars.

The luxury tax likely will lower prices and reduce sales volume, especially in North Lakefront neighborhoods—such as the Gold Coast, Near North Side, Lincoln Park, Old Town, Lakeview and Edgewater, according to Illinois Realtors.

If the Mansion Tax proposal is voted in via referendum, and the City Council approves it, experts say Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi may have to institute a new model for assessing \$1-million-plus homes to compensate for falling market values and the hefty burden of the added layer of taxes.

In the end, the whole effort may result in a shifting of property taxes away from traditional taxpayer-supported entities [think libraries, streets and sanitation, parks, and schools] and into the Mayor’s Office. And how he will actually spend it is still a mystery. As Mayor Johnson is being controlled by the Chicago Teacher’s Union [CTU], and on March 7, during a Chicago City Club speech, CTU president Stacy Davis Gates just said the union wanted housing subsidies for Chicago teachers, one wonders if this is where the money will really end up going?

One tip-off of a potential bait and switch on this tax scheme might be that after the March 19 vote, if the referendum passes, then suddenly we start hearing narratives about ‘teachers not being able to afford housing,’ then that may be a leading indicator that the CTU’s membership may be the intended benefactors of the new tax haul.

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Early Birds: Chicago’s beloved Purple Martins returning to town

But these bug-eating birds need your help with housing

In a sure sign that spring is not far behind, the first Purple Martins of the year have been spotted in Illinois.

The birds were seen on Feb. 21 in Illinois by a Purple Martin enthusiast – one of many throughout the eastern and central United States who track and report on the birds’ annual migration on behalf of the Purple Martin Conservation Assoc.

Purple Martins are the largest member of the Swallow family, and they are bug eating machines. If you want to limit back yard mosquitoes, then get a bird apartment installed in your yard and help many birds with one home. A single Purple Martin can supposedly eat 2,000 bugs a day.

They also dine on dragonflies, damselflies, flies, midges, mayflies, stinkbugs, leafhoppers, Japanese beetles, June bugs, butterflies, moths, grasshoppers, cicadas, bees, wasps, flying ants, and ballooning spiders.

Birders look for them flying around or perched on those large, aluminum birdhouses on poles at various locations around town. Their birdhouses look like mini apartment complexes filled with purple birds flying in and out calling “pew-pew.” Purple Martins once nested in natural tree hollows and other crevices near wooded ponds and marshes. Purple Martins are mostly incompetent when it comes to building shelters, so they rely on human efforts where their natural roosts have been destroyed. Today, due to the decline of natural habitat, nearly all of the Purple Martins in Chicago rely on man-made nest boxes in which to raise their young.

The migration of these unique birds can be reported and tracked through a community science project called the Scout-Arriv-



Once an endangered species, the Purple Martin has rebounded thanks to protection by a federal law, and boosterism of towns like Griggsville, IL, which has become the Purple Martin Capital of the nation. A single Purple Martin can supposedly eat 2,000 mosquitoes a day. Purple Martins are colonial nesters—they like to nest in groups—so at least 4 cavities should be offered. Between 6 to 12 cavities is a great start for a colony.

al Study (visit www.purplemartin.org). “The first Purple Martin arrivals of the season are always an exciting event,” said Joe Siegrist, President of the Purple Martin Conservation Assoc. “Tracking the migration is not only fun, it also provides us with valuable information that helps inform our research and strengthen our efforts to make sure we’re doing everything possible



to protection by a federal law, boosterism of towns like Griggsville, IL, which may be the Purple Martin capital of North America. The town lies in the vicinity of the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers, and in the muggy summer months, a cloud of blood sucking bugs can descend on an unprepared community. They’re fighting back by feeding those bugs to the birds.

Griggsville seem to have a big birdhouse on almost every street corner. Near the town center, a 70-foot-tall, 562-apartment bird skyscraper pokes up into the blue sky, visible for miles by its intended inhabitant -- the Purple Martin.

Spring migrants typically begin arriving in Illinois in late March and early April. Males arrive before females to establish a territory. Eggs are produced from mid-April through July. The Purple Martin once nested in natural cavities in rocks and trees but now most often nests in the big bird boxes provided by humans.

The annual migration is a testament to the Martins’ resilience as well as the unwavering dedication of thousands of ‘Martin landlords’ who maintain multi-compartment nest ‘condos’ that are essential for the birds’ survival. Once widespread in rural America, this species, that eats billions of flying insects annually, has been disappearing at an alarming rate, experiencing a loss of one-third of its population over the last 50 years.

“The decline seems to be the combination of a few factors: nesting habitat loss, competing invasive species, decreasing prey availability, and climate change,” said Siegrist. “Over the majority of the Purple Martins’ range, they are unable to nest naturally any longer. Human-provided nest boxes are the only thing keeping the

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Police Beat...

Rogers Park mail thief robbed postal worker of master key

A man who was allegedly found with a U.S. Postal Service master key when Chicago cops arrested him for mail theft in Rogers Park late last year has now been charged with robbing a mail carrier to get the key.

Cops initially arrested Michael Valentine, 38, in the 6700 block of N. Lakewood on Dec. 6 after receiving a call about a burglary in progress.

The police said they found bulk mail addressed to different people inside Valentine's canvas bag. The officers said they also found a postal service master key about 15 feet from where they detained him. The report said investigators determined that a robber had taken the key from a mail carrier weeks earlier.

Postal service masters, also known as "arrow keys," allow mail carriers to access apartment buildings and mailbox systems.

Prosecutors only charged Valentine with burglary and possession of burglary tools in December, but detectives continued to investigate the robbery. That investigation led them right back to Valentine.

In newly filed court papers, prosecutors said a 62-year-old mail carrier identified Valentine in a photo line-up as the man who robbed her of her master key in the 10300 block of S. Calumet on Nov 8, 2023.

Valentine approached her with his hands in his pockets and "forcefully demanded" her work keys, according to a detention petition. The mail carrier surrendered her keys, bolted to her work truck, and locked herself inside.

The petition said he tried to open the truck and banged on the doors, but eventually ran away.

Judge Susana Ortiz rejected the state's detention petition and allowed Valentine to return home on electronic monitoring. He was already on an ankle monitor as a condition of release in the pending burglary case.

Armed men robbed five convenience stores and their customers in about 90 minutes

Four men armed with a rifle and a pistol robbed five convenience stores in about 90 minutes on March 5, Chicago police said, targeting stores from Logan Square to Lakeview.

"Hands up, open the registers, empty your pockets, and get on the ground," the crew ordered the stores' cashiers and customers, according to a CPD bulletin released March 6.

Once they were in control of the store, the group took money from the registers along with liquor or tobacco products, the police said. Then they robbed the clerks and custom-

ers, too, taking cash and phones.

CPD said the robbers traveled in a light blue Infiniti with Illinois plate EH77922. The car was recently reported stolen from the 4200 block of N. Marmora, according to CPD records.

Investigators said the group committed robberies at 7-Eleven stores located at 2401 N. Milwaukee at 4:07 a.m.; 2355 N. Damen at 4:27 a.m.; 1160 W. Diversey at 4:38 a.m.; 2004 N. Halsted at 4:40 a.m., and 33 S. Aberdeen at 5:24 a.m.

The bulletin described them as Black males between 16 and 25 years old wearing black ski masks and dark clothing.

Tips can be shared with Area Three detectives at 312-746-7394 and 312-744-8263. Callers should refer to pattern #24-CWP-014.

15-year-old boy teamed up with 14-year-old to rob nine stores while armed with guns, knives

A 15-year-old boy stands accused of working with a 14-year-old boy to rob nine North Side stores while brandishing weapons, Chicago police said this morning.

We told you about the 14-year-old, who is charged with ten armed robberies, on Feb. 23. Now, CPD says they've caught his accomplice.

Between Jan. 19 and Feb. 8, the armed adolescent robbed stores, mostly Walgreens locations, in Edgewater, Rogers Park, and West Ridge.

Each time, they took money from registers and forced employees to open the store's safe, according to details revealed by Chicago police in community alerts about the crime pattern. The alerts said up to four men, armed with pistols and knives, were involved in the robberies.

Prosecutors have charged the teens with robbing the Walgreens at 6140 N. Western on Jan. 30 and Feb. 2. They're also accused of holding up sores in the 1400 block of W. Devon on Jan. 19 and 23, as well as locations in the 3100 block of W. Devon, 1900 block of W. Foster, 4300 block of N. Kedzie, and the 6100 block of N. Broadway.

The 15-year-old is also charged with robbing a store in the 6200 block of N. Western on January 29. The 14-year-old is individually charged with robbing the Walgreens at 6140 N. Western on February 20.

Eighteen-time felon 'Puffy Coat Bandit' is charged again while on probation for thefts

An 18-time convicted felon on probation for being part of the "Puffy Coat Bandit" theft ring was arrested March 3 after he committed the exact same crime that he's on probation for, according to prosecutors: stealing a man's credit cards and using them almost immediately to buy things at Target.

During an initial appearance this week, Judge Susana Ortiz released Jerome Sharp, 30, with a nighttime curfew. He was not detained for violating probation.

One year ago, the "Puffy Coat Bandits" were the talk of the town as they slithered through restaurants in their bulky winter coats, stealing phones, wallets, and purses from unsuspecting diners. The victims' credit cards were maxed out before they had time

to notify their banks, often at Target stores in the South Loop and the Near North Side, according to Chicago police reports.

The story made the news as restaurant workers claimed Chicago cops weren't doing anything about the crimes. In fact, CPD had an active investigation going on for weeks. They even won assistance from the U.S. Marshals Service after the puffy coat guys stole the wallet and work credentials from a federal judge's law clerk.

Sharp, 30, and James Wilkins, 29, were soon arrested. Sharp entered guilty pleas to three felonies in October, including identity theft and theft, according to court records. Judge Ursula Walowski gave him two years of probation.

Now, barely four months later, prosecutors say Sharp did the same thing again.

Around 2 p.m. March 3, he "participated in the theft" of a 20-year-old man's phone and credit cards from a coffee shop in the 900 block of W. Van Buren, according to his latest CPD arrest report.

The report said the victim's credit cards were quickly used in "multiple" fraudulent transactions at various locations. Cops caught up with Sharp at the Target store, 1200 N. Larrabee, about 45 minutes after the theft.

According to CPD's inventory records, cops recovered a woman's checkbook, gift cards, unopened PlayStations, 15 MasterCard gift cards, and an Apple Watch still in its case during his arrest.

Court records show the court's probation department filed a probation violation notice with Judge Walowski last month. The matter is scheduled to be reviewed during a hearing scheduled for next week.

Wilkins, the other man charged in last year's thefts, pleaded guilty last month in exchange for a sentence of time served.

Man stabbed Lincoln Square 7-Eleven employee while on parole and on felony bail

Prosecutors say a suburban man stabbed a convenience store clerk in Lincoln Square during an altercation last May while on parole and on bail for a pending burglary charge.

Nicholas Mann, 27, of Chicago Heights, is the 35th person charged with murder, attempted murder, or trying to shoot someone in Chicago last year while on felony pretrial release.

Officials say the trouble began around 3:30 p.m. May 17 when Mann went to the 7-Eleven at 5206 N. Western Ave. A store employee recognized Mann and asked him to leave.

Instead, Mann elbowed the 51-year-old clerk, who tried to push Mann out of the store, according to allegations made in court filings. The men began fighting, and Mann stabbed the employee twice in the back during the altercation, prosecutors said.

Judge Susana Ortiz granted the state's detention petition, noting that Mann was on parole for aggravated battery at the time of the attack. Mann will remain in custody, at least for now, while awaiting trial on charges of attempted murder and aggravated

battery with a deadly weapon.

About two weeks before the 7-11 altercation, Mann posted a \$500 bail deposit to get out of jail after prosecutors charged him with burglarizing a church in Chicago Heights, according to court records. He also has a pending assault charge that was filed against him last month.

Active CTA robbery crew may be as young as 13

Chicago police say three robberies reported on the CTA on the North Side last week were all committed by the same group of thieves — thieves who may be as young as 13 years old.

In a community alert issued March 9, Area Three detectives said the group approached their targets from behind and took headphones from the victims' heads "by force." They escaped on foot after each robbery. According to the alert, robberies were reported on CTA platforms, trains, and buses.

The bulletin linked three specific incidents to the group: one in the 1500 block of N. Halsted on Tuesday afternoon, March 5; another in the 900 block of W. Belmont on Tuesday afternoon, March 5. CPD previously said a 23-year-old man was walking down the block when a robber took his property around 5:46 p.m., and one in the 1500 block of N. Clybourn on Wednesday afternoon, March 6.

Police described the suspects as four or five Black males between 13 and 15 years old who wear dark clothing. Tips can be shared with detectives by calling 312-744-8263 and referring to crime pattern #P24-3-018.

Suspect detained after man reports being sexually assaulted inside Lakeview fitness center

Detectives are investigating after a man reported that he was sexually assaulted inside a Lakeview fitness center on March 7, according to Chicago police.

Officers responded to XSport, 3030 N. Broadway, around 6:15 p.m. and found the alleged offender was still at the scene, CPD said in a brief media statement.

A 28-year-old man told police that the 35-year-old male suspect sexually assaulted him inside the fitness center. Police arrested the accused man for investigation. A CPD evidence technician was brought in to collect evidence from a massage room.

Man robbed two stores, burglarized bar during one-night crime spree

Prosecutors have charged a 19-year-old man with going on a nighttime crime spree in January, burglarizing a bar in Lincoln Park, and robbing other businesses in other neighborhoods.

Jaylen Smith, 19, has been detained to await trial since appearing before Judge William Fahy this week.

The spree started at 3:15 a.m. Jan. 9 at Subway, 4759 W. Fullerton. Officials said Smith jumped the counter and demanded the cashier's phone and the restaurant's cash.

Later, Smith used a rock to break the glass at McGee's Tavern and Grille, 950 W. Webster, at 4:45 a.m. Jan. 9, prosecutors said. He allegedly went inside with two accomplices, picked up a bag from a chair, and then fled upon seeing that there were other people inside the bar.

Man wanted for robbery on Red Line



Images captured from CTA security cameras have been released of a man wanted for robbery on a CTA Red Line train.

Mass Transit detectives are seeking to identify the subjects in connection with a robbery that occurred at 188 N. State, on March 2 at around 7 p.m. The subject approached the victim, grabbed her headphones with force from her head and fled from the train.

The victim chased the subject at which time her cell phone fell to the ground and was subsequently recovered by a co-offender.

The offenders are described as a male African American, 16-18 years old, 5'-9 to 6' tall, 150-170 lbs., long corn roll hair, yellow-colored hoodie, black vest and the second man as a male African American, 16-18 years old, 5'-9 to 6' tall, also with long corn roll, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt with the word "Pink" across front chest in pink colored lettering.



Jaylen Smith

The two accomplices remain at large.

Finally, around 6:45 a.m., Smith allegedly jumped the counter at 7-Eleven, 6801 N. Sheridan.

Prosecutors said he took cash from the register, cigarettes, liquor, and the cashier's phone.

Prosecutors charged him with two counts of robbery and one count of burglary.

Fahy, the judge, noted in his detention order that Smith was adjudicated delinquent for two violent crimes as a juvenile.

Man shot while walking in Edgewater, police say

A man is recovering this morning after someone shot him near an Edgewater elementary school March 10. Chicago police did not offer a motive for the shooting.

CPD said the 60-year-old was walking in the 1500 block of W. Granville when a white sedan pulled up around 3:22 a.m. Someone fired shots from inside the car, striking him in the left foot, according to police. The victim was taken to St. Francis Hospital in fair condition.

Evidence markers were placed beside six shell casings that police found on the street and sidewalk near Hayt Elementary School.

The victim is the fourth person shot in Edgewater this year, up from two at this point last year and three as of this date in 2022. This year's other three victims were all Senn High School students, shot as they walked from school on Jan. 31.

One of the students, Daveon Gibson, 16, succumbed to his injuries. Prosecutors have charged two Uplift High School students with the crime.

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Card cheat swindled two casinos out of \$219,000

BY CWBCHICAGO

A California man cheated two Chicago area casinos out of \$219,000, officials said March 8. Jianchu Liu, 47, was jailed to await trial during a detention hearing before Judge Susana Ortiz.

An Illinois State Police arrest report, which lists his occupation as “gambler,” identified the casinos as the new Bally’s Casino in downtown Chicago and the Hollywood Casino Aurora. However, charging documents filed by prosecutors only listed Bally’s as a victim. The thefts allegedly occurred between Sept. 12 and Nov. 26, 2023, and involved at least one accomplice, according to the report.

Initial court filings did not detail how authorities believe the Bay Area resident swindled the Chicago casinos, but he was arrested last week for cheating at a Pennsylvania casino’s baccarat table.

Officials there accused Liu of using his phone camera to secretly record the order of cards in a deck. When a dealer offered Liu the opportunity to cut the cards,



Illinois State Police say that a California man cheated two Chicago area casinos out of \$219,000. Jianchu Liu (inset) has been arrested and jailed, and is awaiting trial during a detention hearing before Judge Susana Ortiz.

he manipulated the deck, quickly fanning it out so his phone could capture an image of the card values and sequence, according to the allegations.

Security officials at the Mohegan Sun casino in Wilkes-Barre keyed in on Liu on Feb. 24 when he launched an app on his phone at a baccarat table and darkened the screen so security could not see what he was doing, according to a report by Casino.org. The outlet said he then placed the phone under a stack of scorecards that baccarat players use to keep track of games.

Liu walked away from the table after getting into a “verbal

exchange” with a baccarat dealer about how the deck should be handled, Casino.org reported. A few days later, Liu returned and allegedly “attempted to forcefully fan [out]” a deck of cards.

The gaming news outlet said officials believe Liu sent images of deck sequences to an accomplice, who examined the images and provided Liu with betting instructions via a hidden earpiece.

“Liu’s technique, however, appeared to be clumsy,” the report said.

Casino security identified him through his loyalty card and

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Carjacker pulled gun during Facebook Marketplace meet-up, ran over victims with their own car

BY CWBCHICAGO

A plan to sell a car on Facebook Marketplace took an ugly turn when the would-be buyer pulled a gun, stole the victim’s car, and ran over them as he fled the scene, prosecutors said March 7.

On March 6 we reported on a 27-year-old woman and her 56-year-old father met with the prospective car buyer in the 6200 block of N. Rockwell around 1 p.m. March 1. After getting behind the wheel of the 2020 Acura TLX, the prospective buyer pulled out a gun and pointed it at the woman, prosecutors said in court filings. He then reversed

into both victims, causing them to fall to the road, and sped away, according to prosecutors.

The male victim suffered severe injuries, including serious cuts, internal bleeding, and a head injury that had to be closed with staples, officials said. His daughter received a bruised eye and cuts to her hands and legs.

The Chicago Police Department’s hijacking unit traced the car to an auto repair shop in Berwyn on March 5. They saw 28-year-old Jamie Delgado get out of the car’s driver’s seat and arrested him as he spoke with body shop employees, according to a Chicago police arrest report.

The petition said both victims

identified Delgado in photo line-ups as the hijacker.

Judge Ankur Srivastava granted the state’s petition, citing Delgado’s “extensive history of theft and fleeing from the police.” Court records show Delgado had a misdemeanor theft case pending in the suburbs at the time of the carjacking.

He is charged with two counts of aggravated vehicular hijacking with a firearm and two counts of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

Allegations of rip-offs during transactions arranged on social media have led to several other arrests recently.

Over 30 arrested at downtown protest calling for Gaza ceasefire

BY CWBCHICAGO

A protest in the Loop calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza ended with Chicago police declaring a mass arrest event when participants refused to disperse on March 8.

A Chicago police supervisor at the scene estimated that 32 people were arrested—19 women and 13 men. He said his information was preliminary.

Some protesters had been in the area since March 7, partici-

pating in a “24-vigil to demand an immediate ceasefire in Gaza,” ABC7 news reported March 8.

After the news report was filed, participants began blocking streets near the federal building at Jackson and Dearborn. CPD officers were heard giving repeated warnings to disperse, starting around 7:30 a.m. About 30 minutes later, police began arresting uncooperative protesters.

CTA temporarily rerouted some bus lines while the protest was underway.

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007 Science now open



Tom Pizatto (L) and Dan Silvestri (R) of SpyMovieNavigator.com met with British special effects coordinator Chris Corbould (Center) at the press opening of 007 Science: Inventing the World of James Bond exhibit running through Oct. 27, at the Museum of Science and Industry in Hyde Park. Corbould, who worked on 15 James Bond films as well as Superman and Batman films, was awarded an OBE (Order of the British Empire) in 2014 for his service to films by the now late Queen Elizabeth II. The exhibit stresses the gadgetry, vehicles and science of author Ian Fleming’s popular spy hero, featured in 27 major motion pictures.

Photos by Reno Lovison

Efforts underway to buy Cabrini Art House and restore All of Mankind mural



William Walker’s All of Mankind before (L) and after the mural’s whitewashing (R).

The Strangers Home Missionary Baptist Church, 617 W. Evergreen Ave., is located on the former site of the Cabrini Green housing development. On March 6 it was named one of the Chicago 7, Preservation Chicago’s annual listing of the most endangered historical buildings in Chicago.

Last week the Cabrini Art House, an entrepreneurial venture by former Cabrini Green residents Marques “Merk” Elliston and Cher’Don Reynolds, announced that they hope to buy the historic building to create a cultural and community hub.

Once known as Chicago’s “Sistine Chapel,” the Strangers Home Missionary Baptist Church is an influential piece of Chicago’s cultural landscape. The building housed William Walker’s All of Mankind, a collection of murals painted in the early 1970’s and later whitewashed in 2015.

The pieces, collectively titled All of Mankind, explored the beauty and struggle of Black America and envisioned a world united. The mural was widely regarded as one of Walker’s masterpieces and became a symbol of Cabrini-Green.

The whitewashing of All of Mankind has obscured Walker’s work, but it is believed the murals still exist underneath layers of paint.

Located at the intersection of Clybourn Ave. and Larrabee St., the church is a brick building whose architectural style sets it apart from other less dated buildings in the vicinity. It was a center of religious life for Italian immigrants and later Black families

The whitewashing of All of Mankind has obscured Walker’s work, but it is believed the murals still exist underneath layers of paint.

on the Near North Side beginning in 1901. In 1971, a progressive priest commissioned Chicago artist William Walker to adorn the church with a series of murals.

But what is most noticeable is the gaping emptiness of the white facade.

The murals depicted images of global civil rights martyrs and events and depicted images of the Black family inspired by Christian religious iconography. Stranger Home is the last structure still standing on land that once held over 3,000 housing units. Former residents remember it as a neutral gathering space for the community.

Elliston and Reynolds plan to acquire


the building and turn it into the Cabrini Art House – a mixed use property that will house for-profit creative sector businesses and a nonprofit cultural center.

Elliston and Reynolds say they see an

opportunity to share a more positive narrative about residents of the Cabrini Green neighborhood. ““This land has always felt like home sentimentally,” says Elliston. “Owning, protecting, and restoring it would mean the world not just to me, but also to displaced people across the globe.”

Efforts are now underway to raise \$150,000 towards purchasing the building from its current owner. Elliston and Reynolds hope the Preservation Chicago designation will help raise awareness of the project and how people can get involved. “Naturally funding to secure the building is one way to get involved,” says Lauren Amos who leads operations for the Cabrini Art House team. “But we also need donations of expertise to help defray costs.”

If they succeed in buying the property, they plan to restore the All of Mankind murals and renovate the property which has become dilapidated over the last few decades.



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species alive east of the Rocky Mountains.”

Siegrist says the very survival of the species is due in large part to scores of dedicated conservation-ists who invest their time, money and hearts into maintaining hous-

ing for the Martins. Those who want to help out and install a bird apartment, should choose a pole that telescopes, or is equipped with a winch or rope and pulley, and housing that has easy access to the compartments. Houses and gourds should be white, or a light color. White housing attracts

Martins best and reflects sunlight, keeping nestlings cooler.

“The landlords provide critical shelter for the Martins,” Siegrist said. “In return, they are reward-ed with a family-like bond with the birds who return to the same colony year after year like clock-work.”

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learned he was suspected of being part of a “professional cheating ring” that conned two casinos in Biloxi, Mississippi. The Pennsylv-ania authorities finally arrested him at Mohegan Sun around 4:30 a.m. Feb. 26.

Liu was brought to Chicago to face local charges of operat-ing a continuing financial crime

enterprise and financial crime conspiracy.

He is at least the second per-son to be criminally charged with cheating at the Chicago Bally’s casino since it opened in Septem-ber.

Earlier this year, prosecutors charged Isaias Garcia-Martinez, with placing a 200-to-1 bet at a Bally’s baccarat table after the cards were dealt and the outcome

of the hand was known. The dealer, not realizing he placed the bet after the game was over, paid him \$5,000 and he walked away, according to the allegations.

Gaming officials arrested him when he returned two days late.

North Township Real Estate For Sale

Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION;
Plaintiff,
vs.
DAVID PAREDES; KATHRYN C. PAREDES;
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.; MORTGAGE
ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.,
AS NOMINEE FOR PULTE MORTGAGE COR-
PORATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON
RECORD CLAIMANTS; THE NORTHERN TRUST
COMPANY;
Defendants,
18 CH 7817
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursu-
ant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered
in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial
Sales Corporation will on Monday, April 15, 2024
at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West
Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell
at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as
set forth below, the following described mortgaged
real estate:
P.I.N. 14-28-303-023-0000.
Commonly known as 2623 N. Burling Street, Chi-
cago, IL 60614.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single
family residence. If the subject mortgaged real es-
tate is a unit of a common interest community, the
purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall
pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1)
of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.
Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance,
by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The
property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Mr. John Kienzie at Plaintiff's At-
torney, Marinosci Law Group, PC, 2215 Enterprise
Drive, Westchester, IL 60154. (312) 940-8580. 17-
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INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORA-
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COM-
PANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR HARBORVIEW MORT-

Real Estate For Sale

GAGE LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN PASS-
THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-5
Plaintiff,
-v-
RAZIA RAHMAN, PLAZA 440 PRIVATE RES-
DENCES CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
2023 CH 01402
440 NORTH WABASH AVE #2602
CHICAGO, IL 60611
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant
to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in
the above cause on July 26, 2023, an agent for The
Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on April
3, 2024, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One
South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL,
60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as
set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 440 NORTH WABASH AVE
#2602, CHICAGO, IL 60611
Property Index No. 17-10-127-019-1255
The real estate is improved with a condominium.
The judgment amount was \$248,550.14.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by cer-
tified funds at the close of the sale payable to The
Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks
will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or
wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours.
The subject property is subject to general real es-
tate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes
levied against said real estate and is offered for sale
without any representation as to quality or quantity
of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS
IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirma-
tion by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the pur-
chaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will en-
title the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after
confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and
plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition
of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished
to check the court file to verify all information.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser
of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a
mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal
fees required by The Condominium Property Act,
765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property
is a condominium unit which is part of a common
interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the
foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay
the assessments required by The Condominium

Real Estate For Sale

Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWN-
ER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN
POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF
AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE
WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
You will need a photo identification issued by a gov-
ernment agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in
order to gain entry into our building and the fore-
closure sale room in Cook County and the same
identification for sales held at other county venues
where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts
foreclosure sales.
For information, contact Alexander Potestivo,
POTESTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's At-
torneys, 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610,
Chicago, IL, 60606 (312) 263-0003. Please refer to
file number 314443.
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL
60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation
at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pend-
ing sales.
POTESTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610
Chicago IL, 60606
312-263-0003
E-Mail: ilpleadings@potestivolaw.com
Attorney File No. 314443
Attorney Code. 43932
Case Number: 2023 CH 01402
TJSC#: 44-468
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Prac-
tices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is
deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect
a debt and any information obtained will be used
for that purpose.
Case # 2023 CH 01402
13239453

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
FLA MORTGAGE CAPITAL 2 LLC
Plaintiff,
vs.
PAUL STONE, KATE M. STONE, KATE M. STONE
TRUSTEE FOR THE KATE M. STONE REVOC-
ABLE TRUST, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
AMERICAN EXPRESS BANK, FSB,
Defendants,

Real Estate For Sale

21 CH 2460
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant
to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in
the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales
Corporation will on Wednesday, April 10, 2024
at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West
Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell
at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as
set forth below, the following described mortgaged
real estate:
P.I.N. 14-29-319-021-0000.
Commonly known as 2450 N. JANSSEN AVENUE,
CHICAGO, IL 60614.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single
family residence. If the subject mortgaged real es-
tate is a unit of a common interest community, the
purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall
pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1)
of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.
Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance,
by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The
property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Mr. Ira T. Nevel at Plaintiff's
Attorney, Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North
Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 357-
1125. 22-03456
INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORA-
TION
intercountyjudicialsales.com
13239047

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,
-v-
GREGG A GAROFALO, GREGG A. GAROFALO,
AS TRUSTEE UTA DATED 04/24/2001 KNOWN
AS THE GREGG A. GAROFALO REVOCABLE
TRUST, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INTER-
NAL REVENUE SERVICE, THE NORTH TOWN
VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
Defendants
23 CH 06149
1317 NORTH BURLING STREET #1A
CHICAGO, IL 60610
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant
to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in
the above cause on January 8, 2024, an agent for
The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on

Real Estate For Sale

April 9, 2024, at The Judicial Sales Corporation,
One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago,
IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bid-
der, as set forth below, the following described real
estate:
Commonly known as 1317 NORTH BURLING
STREET #1A, CHICAGO, IL 60610
Property Index No. 17-04-113-100-1037
The real estate is improved with a condominium
with no garage.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by cer-
tified funds at the close of the sale payable to The
Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks
will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or
wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours.
The subject property is subject to general real es-
tate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes
levied against said real estate and is offered for sale
without any representation as to quality or quantity
of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS
IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirma-
tion by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the pur-
chaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will en-
title the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after
confirmation of the sale.
Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien
prior to that of the United States, the United States
shall have one year from the date of sale within
which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien
arising under the internal revenue laws the period
shall be 120 days or the period allowable for re-
demption under State law, whichever is longer, and
in any case in which, under the provisions of section
505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12
U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720
of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to
redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of
redemption.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and
plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition
of the property. Prospective bidders are admon-
ished to check the court file to verify all information.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser
of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a
mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal
fees required by The Condominium Property Act,
765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property
is a condominium unit which is part of a common
interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the
foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay
the assessments required by The Condominium
Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER),
YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POS-
SESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN
ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE
WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
You will need a photo identification issued by a
government agency (driver's license, passport,
etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the
foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same
identification for sales held at other county venues
where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts
foreclosure sales.
MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC Plain-
tiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite
1200, Chicago, IL, 60602. Tel No. (312) 346-9088.
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL
60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation
at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pend-
ing sales.
MCCALLA RAYMER LEIBERT PIERCE, LLC
One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1200
Chicago IL, 60602
312-346-9088
E-Mail: pleadings@mccalla.com
Attorney File No. 23-15752IL_948582
Attorney Code. 61256
Case Number: 23 CH 06149
TJSC#: 44-88
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Prac-
tices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is
deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect
a debt and any information obtained will be used for
that purpose.
Case # 23 CH 06149
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Lakeview Township Real Estate For Sale

Real Estate For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC
Plaintiff,
-v-
TERESA DURAN, 5455 EDGEWATER PLAZA
CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, STATE OF IL-
LINOIS - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND
FAMILY SERVICES, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND
LEGATEES OF RAQUEL LUNA, UNKNOWN
OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, JULIE
FOX, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR
RAQUEL LUNA (DECEASED)
Defendants
2023 CH 00367
5455 N SHERIDAN RD #3505
CHICAGO, IL 60640
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant
to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in
the above cause on June 23, 2023, an agent for The
Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on April
11, 2024, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One
South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago, IL,
60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as
set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 5455 N SHERIDAN RD
#3505, CHICAGO, IL 60640
Property Index No. 14-08-203-016-1404
The real estate is improved with a condo/town-
house.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified
funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judi-
cial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will
be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire
transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The
subject property is subject to general real estate
taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied
against said real estate and is offered for sale with-
out any representation as to quality or quantity of
title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS"
condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation
by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the pur-
chaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will en-
title the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after
confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and
plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition
of the property. Prospective bidders are admon-
ished to check the court file to verify all information.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser
of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a
mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal
fees required by The Condominium Property Act,
765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property
is a condominium unit which is part of a common
interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the
foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay
the assessments required by The Condominium
Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER),
YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSES-

Real Estate For Sale

SION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN OR-
DER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH
SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORT-
GAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
You will need a photo identification issued by a
government agency (driver's license, passport,
etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the
foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same
identification for sales held at other county venues
where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts
foreclosure sales.
For information, examine the court file, CODILIS &
ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030
NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR
RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL
60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation
at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pend-
ing sales.
CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100
BURR RIDGE IL, 60527
630-794-5300
E-Mail: pleadings@ilcslegal.com
Attorney File No. 14-23-00025
Attorney ARDC No. 00468002
Attorney Code. 21762
Case Number: 2023 CH 00367
TJSC#: 44-533
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Prac-
tices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is
deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect
a debt and any information obtained will be used
for that purpose.
Case # 2023 CH 00367
13239653

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC
Plaintiff,
-v-
DEBORAH A. WELLS, CIBC BANK USA FKA
FOUNDERS BANK, A CORPORATION OF ILLI-
NOIS, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE PROVISIONS
OF A TRUST AGREEMENT DATED THE 15TH
DAY OF NOVEMBER 2006 AND KNOWN AS
TRUST NUMBER 6969, MALIBU CONDOMINIUM
Defendants
2023 CH 02881
6007 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD UNIT 39G
CHICAGO, IL 60660
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant
to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in
the above cause on June 27, 2023, an agent for
The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on

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March 27, 2024, at The Judicial Sales Corporation,
One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite 35R, Chicago,
IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bid-
der, as set forth below, the following described real
estate:
Commonly known as 6007 NORTH SHERIDAN
ROAD UNIT 39G, CHICAGO, IL 60660
Property Index No. 14-05-215-015-1353
The real estate is improved with a residential con-
dominium.
The judgment amount was \$105,870.81.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by cer-
tified funds at the close of the sale payable to The
Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks
will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or
wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours.
The subject property is subject to general real es-
tate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes
levied against said real estate and is offered for sale
without any representation as to quality or quantity
of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS
IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirma-
tion by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the pur-
chaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will en-
title the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after
confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and
plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition
of the property. Prospective bidders are admon-
ished to check the court file to verify all information.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser
of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a
mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal
fees required by The Condominium Property Act,
765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property
is a condominium unit which is part of a common
interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the
foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay
the assessments required by The Condominium
Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER),
YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POS-
SESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN
ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE
WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
You will need a photo identification issued by a
government agency (driver's license, passport,
etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the
foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same
identification for sales held at other county venues
where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts
foreclosure sales.
For information, contact MANLEY DEAS KOCHAL-
SKI LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, ONE EAST WACKER,
SUITE 1250, Chicago, IL, 60601 (312) 651-6700.
Please refer to file number 22-030892.
THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL
60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation
at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pend-
ing sales.

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MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC
ONE EAST WACKER, SUITE 1250
Chicago IL, 60601
312-651-6700
E-Mail: AMPUS@manleydeas.com
Attorney File No. 22-030892
Attorney Code. 46928
Case Number: 2023 CH 02881
TJSC#: 44-372
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Prac-
tices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is
deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect
a debt and any information obtained will be used
for that purpose.
Case # 2023 CH 02881
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION
LAMBERTUCCI'S ROMA OF NEVADA, LLC,
a/k/a Lambertucci Roma of Nevada LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
4611 CLARK, INC., JOHN LACH, TERESA LACH,
EUGENE L. GRIFFIN & ASSOCIATES, LTD., KAL-
CHEIM HABER LLC, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND
NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
Case No. 23 CH 2602
Property Address:
4611-13 N. Clark St.
Chicago, IL 60640
NOTICE OF SALE
Sheriff's Sale No.: 240012
PUBLIC NOTICE is given that pursuant to a judg-
ment of foreclosure entered by the Court in the
above cause on December 22, 2023, the Sheriff of
Cook County, Illinois, will sell the property described
below to satisfy said judgment, as follows:
(a) The name and address of the person to contact
for information regarding the real estate is Adam
Rome, Greiman, Rome & Griesmeyer, LLC, 205
West Randolph St., Ste. 2300, Chicago, IL 60606.
The telephone number is 312-428-2743.
(b) The common address and legal description of
the real estate to be sold is as follows:
PIN: 14-17-107-018-0000
Commonly Known As: 4611-13 N. Clark St., Chi-
cago IL 60640
(c) A description of the improvements of the real
estate: commercial building.
(d) The real estate may not be inspected prior to
sale.
(e) The time and place of the sale is as follows:
March 26, 2024 at 1:00 p.m., Richard J. Daley Cen-
ter, 50 West Washington Street, LL06, Chicago,
Illinois 60602.
(f) The terms of the sale are "as is" for certified
funds, requiring that the successful bidder deposit
ten percent of the bid at the time of sale and the
balance with the sheriff or associate judge within
twenty-four (24) hours of the sale, plus interest at
the statutory judgment rate and any unpaid portion

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of the sale price from the date of sale to the date
of payment.
(g) Title will be conveyed subject to all general real
estate taxes which are or shall become a lien upon
the real estate, but if not yet due, that may become
due and payable, special assessments, applicable
rights of redemption, encumbrances, easements
and restrictions of record, if any.
Adam B. Rome
Greiman, Rome & Griesmeyer, LLC
205 West Randolph St., Ste. 2300
Chicago, Illinois 60606
T: (312) 428.2750/F: (312) 322.2781
arome@grglegal.com
Firm ID: 47890
13238772

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
BMO HARRIS BANK, N.A.
Plaintiff,
-v-
DAVID A. SCHEELE, 710-14 WEST CORNELIA
CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, BMO HARRIS
BANK N.A., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-
RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants
23 CH 3545
712 W. CORNELIA AVE., UNIT 3
CHICAGO, IL 60657
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale
entered in the above cause on September 13, 2023,
an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at
10:30 AM on March 28, 2024, at The Judicial Sales
Corporation, One South Wacker, 1st Floor Suite
35R, Chicago, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the
highest bidder, as set forth below, the following de-
scribed real estate:
Commonly known as 712 W. CORNELIA AVE.,
UNIT 3, CHICAGO, IL 60657
Property Index No. 14-21-302-029-1006
The real estate is improved with a residential con-
dominium.
The judgment amount was \$174,262.08.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by cer-
tified funds at the close of the sale payable to The
Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks
will be accepted. The balance, in certified
funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24)
hours. The subject property is subject to general
real estate taxes, special assessments, or special
taxes levied against said real estate and is offered
for sale without any representation as to quality or
quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and
in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to
confirmation by the court.
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the pur-
chaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will en-
title the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after
confirmation of the sale.
The property will NOT be open for inspection and

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plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition
of the property. Prospective bidders are admon-
ished to check the court file to verify all information.
If this property is a condominium unit, the pur-
chaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than
a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal
fees required by The Condominium Property Act,
765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property
is a condominium unit which is part of a common
interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the
foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay
the assessments required by The Condominium
Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
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OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN
POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF
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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
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government agency (driver's license, passport,
etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the
foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same
identification for sales held at other county venues
where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts
foreclosure sales.
For information, contact LAW OFFICES OF IRA
T. NEVEL, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 175 N. Franklin
Street, Suite 201, CHICAGO, IL, 60606 (312) 357-
1125 Please refer calls to the sales department.
Please refer to file number 23-00955.
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Joel Hall — a native of Chicago's Cabrini Green neighborhood — established and co-founded the Chicago City Theatre Company in 1974.



Rose Fay Thomas established The Anti-Cruelty Society in 1899, and this year the organization is celebrating its 125th Anniversary. In her memory, Ald. Brendan Reilly (above) passed an ordinance to establish an honorary street designation for Thomas at the southwest corner of N. LaSalle Dr. and W. Grand Ave.



Honorary street sign unveiling to honor founder of Anti-Cruelty Society

Rose Fay Thomas established The Anti-Cruelty Society on Jan. 19, 1899, and this year the organization is celebrating its 125th Anniversary.

In honor of her memory, Ald. Brendan Reilly [42nd] passed an ordinance to establish an honorary street designation for Thomas at the southwest corner of N. LaSalle Dr. and W. Grand Ave.

Thomas founded the Anti-Cruelty Society in Chicago and was elected first acting president, upon the belief that society had an obligation to care and raise awareness for animals living in cruel conditions. Its first shelter for small animals opened in 1904.

At its founding, The Anti-Cruelty Society had three primary goals: to suppress cruelty to animals, to educate the public on humane treatment and to create a refuge for strays.

One of their first efforts was in 1905, when the Society placed hundreds of watering troughs throughout the city for thirsty workhorses.

When a record heatwave struck in the summer of 1917, Society volunteers worked tirelessly on behalf of the city's horses. In addition to maintaining the watering troughs throughout the city, a man with a watering hose was stationed in front of Society's headquarters to wet down the horses as they came to drink from the three fountains in front of the facility. It was reported that more than 2,000 horses a day made their way to the Society's fountains during the heat spell.

During the cold icy winter the same year, the volunteers came to the aid of poorly shod horses that were having difficulty on the icy streets by distributing shoe covers made of canvas and old carpet. In the mid 1920s, The Anti-Cruelty Society observed its first Horses' Christmas with deliveries of food and blankets to the city's workhorses.

On March 8, the Alderman joined members of The Anti-Cruelty Society, the public, and media to unveil the honorary street sign.

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the measles vaccine, the disease infected nearly everyone by 15 years of age. Measles was common in all parts of the world and each year caused an estimated 135 million cases and more than six million deaths. In the U.S., an estimated 3–4 million people were diagnosed with measles every year, of which approximately 500,000 were considered serious cases, including nearly 500 deaths.

The disease is among the most highly-transmissible diseases and spreads through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Spread by a virus, the initial symptoms of measles appear similar to a common cold.

"Measles starts with a cough, runny nose, red eyes, and fever. Then a rash of tiny, red spots breaks out. It starts at the head and spreads to the rest of the body," according to a statement from the CDPH.

Public health officials consider measles to be a serious respiratory infection because it may lead to pneumonia and other complications, including death.

For decades the disease had been considered very rare in the U.S. With the unsecured wide-open U.S. borders having an open-door policy, and not requiring border crossers to have medical screenings, the once rare disease has begun to show up again in area hospitals and emergency rooms.

Many of those living at the city's shelter in Pilsen fled Venezuela. Once among the wealthiest nations in the Western Hemisphere due to its vast natural resources, but now ruled by a far-left communist dictatorship, Venezuela continues to have one of the worst vaccination rates in the world.

The North Side patient was treated at the Galter Life Center, 5157 N. Francisco, between 8:30 a.m. and noon. That patient had also ridden the CTA's #92 Foster Ave. bus sometime between 9:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

"[We are] working to identify and notify people that may have been exposed to measles, including at the facilities where the Chicago resident sought medical care," the CDPH said on March 7.

For those who believe they may have been exposed to measles that day, the CDPH is urging them to call the public health agency's Measles hot-line at 312-743-7216. The

hotline will be open weekdays, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"Anyone [who fears they may have been infected Feb. 27] should immediately [call us]. CDPH [officials] will recommend the next steps based on immunity to measles and the level of exposure," they said.

Even if a person is not displaying any of the symptoms, they may still be infected, warned public health officials.

"After exposure to someone with measles, symptoms can take from seven to 21 days to show up. Individuals who develop symptoms of measles should contact a health care provider by phone or email before going to a medical office or emergency department. Special arrangements can be made for your evaluation while also protecting other patients and medical staff for possible infection," said the CDPH.

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"The key to preventing measles is vaccinations. If you are not vaccinated, we strongly encourage you to get the vaccine," said Dr. Olusimbo Ige, MD, commissioner of the CDPH.

Most born in the U.S. were immunized against measles as children. Some may not have a record of their vaccinations.

"If you are unsure whether [or not] you were vaccinated, ask your healthcare provider to find out if you need an MMR (a vaccine which includes measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine. If your child is one year old or older, and has never received the MMR vaccine, contact your child's pediatrician to discuss how your child can get caught up with their vaccines," said Ige.



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